

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23148

This is a trailer appropriation that provides the funding for a loan repayment program as established with passage of S1362. This bill provides an additional \$170,000 ongoing from Endowment Funds with \$85,000 for State Hospital North and \$85,000 for State Hospital South. The program is designed to recruit and retain physicians, psychologists, and mid level practitioners at the two hospitals. An eligible employee must work a minimum of 2,080 hours for the hospital. The loan repayment amount shall not exceed the loan balance of the employee and reimbursement is provided on a yearly basis. The total amount that can be reimbursed over the four year program is \$75,000 for a physician and \$50,000 for a psychologist or mid-level practitioner.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill provides an additional appropriation of \$170,000 from dedicated endowment funds for Idaho's two state hospitals.

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